



DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

**VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS)
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**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION (PSR)
FOR SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS**

The VA San Diego Healthcare System is seeking applicants for a one year post-degree fellowship in psychosocial rehabilitation. The PSR Fellowship is designed to provide advanced training in psychosocial rehabilitation to mental health professionals from various disciplines (psychiatry, psychology, and vocational rehabilitation) over a yearlong (full-time) commitment; there are ample opportunities for both clinical and research experiences.

The Psychiatry, Psychology, Social Work, Nursing and Vocational Rehabilitation programs at the VASDHS, in close affiliation with the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, have a long history of integrated clinical, teaching and research programs for schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, severe depression and co-morbid addictions. Embedded in these integrated programs is an interdisciplinary PSR approach based on a Recovery Model. Our programs empower veterans to develop personalized goals and choose from a menu of treatment program opportunities, including inpatient and outpatient services, medication management, vocational skills development, psychoeducation, social skills training, cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), substance use/dual-diagnosis treatment, neuropsychological evaluation and access to vital community resources that support personal goal attainment. Our goal is to improve quality of life by improving functional behaviors in veterans with SMI. Development, implementation, and dissemination of evidence-based psychosocial rehabilitation practice through research are also high priorities. Active partnership with consumers and community is an important element of this work.

Integrated PSR services are provided by Fellows through both primary and minor rotations in acute care (inpatient), outpatient and community-based programs at VASDHS. In addition, there are opportunities to participate in program evaluation and dissemination, as well as research opportunities. Fellows attend theoretical and applications seminars, and clinical supervision for obtaining licensure will be provided.

Completion of highest degree/ training for each respective discipline is required by the start of the fellowship – July 1, 2007. Fellows must be U.S. citizens and must be graduates of academic programs that are accredited by the nationally recognized accrediting bodies for the profession. Applications are invited from graduates of psychiatry residency programs, doctoral programs in clinical or counseling psychology, and master's or doctoral programs in vocational rehabilitation. Competitive stipends are paid based on national benchmarks. Full time fellows are eligible for health and life insurance benefits. All fellows earn annual and sick leave and are entitled to all Federal holidays.

Review of applications begins December 15th and continues until the positions are filled. To apply, send curriculum vitae, letter of interest in PSR approaches to SMI, and three letters of recommendation (including one from a current clinical supervisor) to:

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